

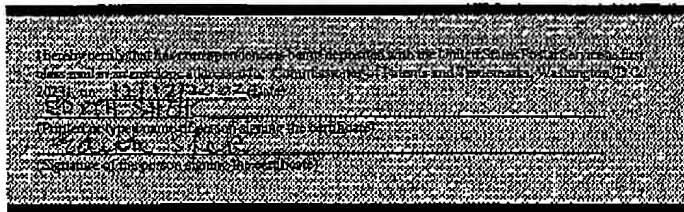
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jethro F. Steinman, *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/369,790
Filed: August 6, 1999
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VALIDATING INTERFACES OF
DYNAMICALLY LINKABLE COMPONENTS AND REAL-TIME
PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM INCORPORATING THE SAME
Grp./A.U.: 2126
Examiner: LeChi Truong

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed October 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- 1) Kindly replace the paragraph starting on Page 1, lines 10-14 with the following:

Real-time process control systems were first implemented within a single software program executing on a single computer